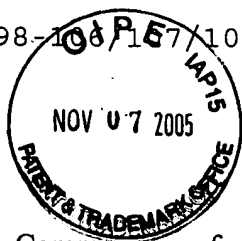


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 30, 2005, please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows:

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